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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/502,283

Filed: February 11, 2000

For: HIGH THROUGHPUT MASS SPECTROMETRY

Examiner: Jon D. Epperson

Art Unit: 1639

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks address the rejections raised in the Office Action dated February 25, 2005. A petition for a three month extension of time authorizing the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0990 is enclosed. The petition thus effectively extends the period for response from May 25, 2005 to August 25, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this submission.